

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a United Airlines Flight Attendant and would like to share some very important reasons why cell phone usage in the cabin is a very dangerous idea.

- The mixture of thin air, cramped quarters, frayed nerves and alcohol consumption already pushes passengers to the limit. Add multiple, high volume cell phone conversations and the recipe for disaster is complete.
- The introduction of cell phone use in the cabin will not only increase tension among passengers, it will compromise flight attendants' ability to maintain order in an emergency. Imagine trying to prepare passengers for an evacuation and you're getting the 'wait a minute finger wag' while the people in that area miss out on crucial information you are trying to communicate.
- There is no hard evidence that cell phone use DOES NOT interfere with navigational instruments.
- Cell phone use would enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively.
- It would make an already tense cabin environment even more stressful.
- The NPRM would leave it up to flight attendants to police the use of cell phones onboard the aircraft compromising our ability to maintain a safe, secure cabin environment and to conduct emergency evacuations.

Please understand the effect this would have on the Flight Attendant profession, and more importantly the effect on the safety of the flying public.

Thank you,

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